

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Masaaki HIRANO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3238
Application No.: 10/750,864 : Group Art Unit: 1791
Filed: January 05, 2004 : Examiner: Queenie S. Dehghan
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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM, AND OPTICAL FIBER
PREFORM AND OPTICAL FIBER PRODUCED WITH THE METHOD

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2009, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on June 24, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.